

**TYNEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE POLICY AND MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PROSPECT HOUSE, HEXHAM, ON  
THURSDAY 16 AUGUST 2007, AT 6.00PM**

**Present:** Councillor MH Walton (Chairman)

**Councillors:** NJ Bradbury, BH Corbett, Mrs PAM Dale, H Forster, TE Heslop, CW Horncastle, Mrs FM Hunter, D Kennedy, B Pickering and T Robson.

**In Attendance:** Mr RJ Robson, Chief Executive  
Mr L Dawson, Director of Finance  
Mrs H Winter, Director of Planning  
Mr A Dean, Director of Regeneration and Communities  
Ms L Turner, Director of Tourism, Culture and Communications  
Mr P Hindmarsh, Head of Waste and Transport Management  
Mr K Wilkinson, Head of Personnel and Training Services  
Mr I Morton, Head of Internal Audit  
Ms J Russell, Corporate Improvement Manager  
Ms M Parkinson, Senior Committee Administrator

**1 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Members' Declarations**

- 2.1 Councillor D Kennedy disclosed personal and prejudicial interests prior to consideration of Item 5.9 relating to Community Partnerships and VAT as he was an employee of HM Revenue and Customs.  
Councillor D Kennedy left the meeting during discussion on this item.
- 2.2 Councillor Mrs PAM Dale disclosed a personal interest prior to consideration of Item 5.9 relating to Community Partnerships and VAT as she was a member of Prudhoe Community Partnership.
- 2.3 Councillor Mrs PAM Dale disclosed a personal interest prior to consideration of Item 5.15 relating to Prudhoe Community Partnership Front Street Improvement Scheme as she was a member of Prudhoe Community Partnership.
- 2.4 Councillor H Forster disclosed a personal interest prior to consideration of Item 5.9 relating to Community Partnerships and VAT as he was a member of Hexham Community Partnership.

Performance Indicator and if Members wished to inspect the Performance Indicator guidance, the information was available from the Corporate Improvement Team.

It was proposed by Councillor MH Walton, seconded by Councillor B Pickering and

IT WAS AGREED (Decision CPMB-8/160807)

That Tynedale Council signs up to the Northumberland Waste PFI Memorandum of Understanding.

5.9 Item for Decision  
Community Partnerships and VAT

The Board considered a Report on the VAT position between the Council and Community Partnerships and the secondment of TDC staff to the Haltwhistle, Hexham and Prudhoe Community Partnerships.

It was proposed by Councillor MH Walton, seconded by Councillor Mrs FM Hunter and

IT WAS AGREED (Decision CPMB-9/160807)

That the Board agrees in principle to the secondment of Tynedale Council staff to the Community Partnerships of Haltwhistle, Hexham and Prudhoe.

5.10 Item for Decision  
Hexham Pool Development

The Director of Tourism, Culture and Communications presented a report on progress with the Hexham Pool Development and expenditure on additional items that would add value to the project.

In reply to a question from Councillor CW Horncastle regarding a proposed art commission within the building, the Director of Tourism, Culture and Communications reported that it was hoped that external funding could be obtained, and that the Council would not need to contribute more than the additional £25,000 identified.

The Chief Executive and Director of Tourism, Culture and Communications noted the comments from Members that discussion was needed with the swimming club regarding the need to actively fund raise for spectator seating.

It was proposed by Councillor MH Walton, seconded by Councillor T Robson and

IT WAS AGREED (Decision CPMB-10/160807) that

- 1 An additional sum of £175,000 be allocated to the Hexham Pool development for the improvements identified in the Report.
- 2 The Board agrees to an additional £9,000 for items detailed under Section (iv) of the Report and to underwrite the costs of spectator seating to a maximum of £20k in the event of the swimming club being unable to raise sufficient funds.

5.11 Item for Consultation  
Regional Spatial Strategy for the North East Proposed Changes

The Report was presented by the Director of Planning.

It was proposed by Councillor MH Walton, seconded by Councillor Mrs FM Hunter and

IT WAS AGREED

That representations on the Regional Spatial Strategy for the North East - Proposed Changes sent to the Government Office for the North East, based on the Appendix to the Report be confirmed.

5.12 Monitoring Report  
Best Value Performance Indicators

The Report was presented by the Head of Internal Audit

It was proposed by Councillor MH Walton, seconded by Councillor B Pickering and

IT WAS AGREED

That the Progress Report be received.

5.13 Monitoring Report  
Audit Plan Progress Report

The report was presented by the Head of Internal Audit

It was proposed by Councillor MH Walton, seconded by Councillor CW Horncastle and

IT WAS AGREED

That the Report be received.

5.14 Urgent Item for Decision  
Funding to Support the Development of Affordable Housing

The Report was presented by the Director of Regeneration and Communities.

It was proposed by Councillor MH Walton, seconded by Councillor Mrs FM Hunter and

IT WAS AGREED (Decision CPMB-11/160807)

- 1 £250,000 from the Affordable Housing Enabling Fund be made available to support in year bids for National Affordable Housing Programme (NAHP) funding from the 2006-2008 allocation. The detail of any site acquisitions will be the subject of further reports to CPMB.
- 2 An additional £1m be allocated to replenish the Affordable Housing Enabling Fund at this stage and further reviews be carried out in the future.

5.15 Urgent Item for Decision  
Request from Prudhoe Community Partnership for Acceptance of Maintenance Liability For Infrastructure Installed under Front Street Improvement Scheme.